

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In the matter of the application of Missouri Gas )  
Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, for )  
a certificate of public convenience and necessity )  
authorizing it to construct, install, own, operate, )  
control, manage and maintain a natural gas )  
transmission and distribution system to provide )  
gas service in a certain area in Newton County, )  
Missouri, as an expansion of its existing certificated )  
area. )

Case No. GA-2000- 412

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Comes now Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company, ("MGE" or "Applicant"), by and through its counsel, and for its motion respectfully states as follows:

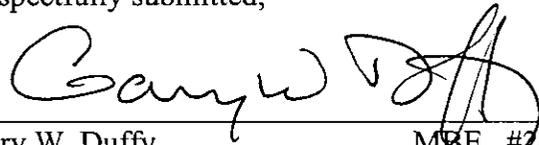
1. Applicant is Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company. MGE has this date filed an Application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission for 12 square miles in Newton County, Missouri. As recounted in that application, it is being filed because natural gas service has been requested from MGE at the Crossroads Center Distribution and Business Park which is located within the area already certificated to MGE. However, MGE has determined that the most efficient and economical way to provide this service is construction of a new pipeline from an interstate pipeline located approximately 3.5 miles to the south, through territory for which MGE does not currently have a certificate.

2. The Joplin Industrial Development Authority (JDIA) has requested that MGE provide natural gas service in this 590 acre business park on the southeast side of Joplin,

Missouri. The JDIA reports there are two companies who are major gas users who are locating in the park and that "expeditious extension of gas service is needed to meet their needs... ."

3. Since the subject of the application involves service to an area already certificated to MGE, the area sought is relatively small and adjacent to an area already certificated to MGE, MGE can serve the new area under its existing tariff, and customers are in need of gas service on an expeditious basis, MGE requests that the Commission order that the application be processed in an accelerated manner and that times for intervention and a report or recommendation from the Staff be expedited.

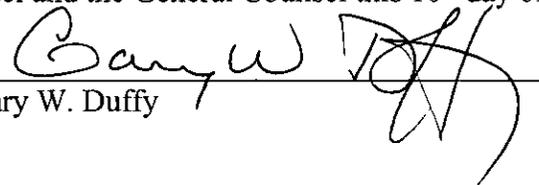
Respectfully submitted,



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**Certificate of Service**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by hand delivery on the Office of the Public Counsel and the General Counsel this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2000.



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